

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

This Amendment addresses the issues outstanding from the final Office Action dated March 30, 2006, in the present application under appeal, in view of the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed September 18, 2006.

Claims 14-17, 19 and 21-33 are pending. Claims 1-13, 18 and 20 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. By this Amendment, independent Claims 14, 21, 23, 24, 27 and 28 have been amended as discussed below, and new Claims 29-33 have been added.

In the Office Action, Claims 14-17, 19, 21-25, 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) over Dallett, and Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) over Dallett in combination with Jeske. Without acceding to the outstanding rejections, independent Claims 14, 23, 24, 27 and 28 have been amended to recite, *inter alia*, that the localization information and the translation file are associated with a language. Thus amended, independent Claims 14, 23, 24, 27 and 28 no longer recite that the localization information is associated with *one or more of* a language *and a culture*.

It is apparent that Dallett does not teach or suggest localization information associated with *a language*. In contrast, Dallett merely discloses changing the reading order of text on a web page from right-to-left order to left-to-right order as is customary in certain cultures. Dallett does not teach or suggest the localization information being associated with the language itself, or the translation file being a language translation file. See Dallett, page 2, third paragraph (“<HTML DIR=RTL>

will cause the entire page to display from right to left”) and fourth paragraph (“... the reading order of the document can be changed at runtime by setting the dir property of the document object through script”).

Therefore, Applicants’ respectfully submit that Claims 14, 23, 24, 27 and 28 patentably distinguish from the applied prior art. The remaining dependent claims are also believed to patentably distinguish from the applied prior art at for their dependence from Claims 14, 23, 24, 27 and 28, as well as for the additional features recited in the dependent claims. Claim 21 has been amended to clarify that the translation file is a language translation file.

New dependent Claims 29-33 have been added to protect additional features of Applicants’ invention. In particular, Claims 29-33 recite that the language translation file is maintained using a pivot language. Support for this feature is provided at, for example, paragraph [0026] of Applicants’ disclosure. Claims 29-33 depend from independent Claims 14, 23, 24, 27 and 28, respectively, and are therefore believed to be patentable for at least the reasons provided above in addition to the additional subject matter recited in Claims 29-33.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

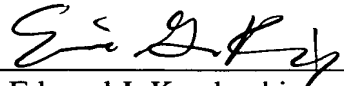
Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ representative at the telephone number listed below.

As set forth in the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed September 18, 2006, Applicants’ time period for responding has been reset to be one month from the mailing date of that Notice. Therefore, this Amendment is

believed to be timely submitted. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2147-907643) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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